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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Office Directors and NIOs

FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing Topics for 16 May and Later

1. The following topics were covered at the 9 May Presidential Briefing in addition to some administrative and operational matters:

- A. Prospects for the International Oil Market
- B. President's Quarterly Report
- C. Korean Airliner Incident
- D. Afghanistan Status Report

2. The following topics are nominated for the 16 May Presidential Briefing:

- A. Greece and Turkey
- B. Ethiopian Assessment
- C. Military Lessons Learned About Performance of Soviet and Cuban Forces from the Somali-Ethiopian Campaign

3. The following topics are in various stages of preparation for future Presidential Briefings. The responsible officer and tentative dates, if known, are shown:

- A. Philippine Opposition (NIO/EAP)
- B. South African Nuclear Program (NIO/NP) 6 June
- C. Soviet Electronics Countermeasures (OWI)
- D. Role of Evacuation in Soviet Civil Defense (OSR)
- E. NIE 11-4-78 (NIO/USSR) 13 June
- F. Political Ferment in Nicaragua (NIO/LA) 30 May
- G. Estimating SLBM Effectiveness--
A Soviet and US Comparison (OWI)
- H. Panama - Situation after the Treaties (NIO/LA) 13 June
- I. Prospects for China after the National
Peoples Congress (NIO/CH) 23 May
- J. US-USSR Technical Collection Comparison (NITC/OWI)
- K. Egypt's Water Problems and Use of Computer
Simulation Model to Assess Future Alternative Water Management Strategies (OGCR)

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- L. Soviet Actions to Cope with Their Economic Difficulties (OER) 20 June
- M. Soviet Ship Deployments (NOSIC) 16 May/30 May
- N. Soviet Air Defense Systems (OWI) 23 May
- O. Soviet Computer Technology (OSI/OER)
- P. Law of the Sea After LOS-3 (OGCR) 6 June
- Q. Soviet Performance During the Cosmos 954 Event (OWI) 27 June
- R. Pakistan (NIO/NESA)
- S. Nuclear Power in the LDCs (OER)
- T. The French Left (ORPA)

4. The following topics have been proposed as possible future topics for Presidential Briefings. These topics have not yet been approved by D/NFAC. After D/NFAC approval of the topic, the responsible officer will be asked to provide an outline for the DCI's approval. Preparation of the draft briefing starts after the outline is approved.

- A. Soviet Policy in Africa
- B. Sino-Soviet Relations
- C. Illegal Immigration from Mexico and the Caribbean
- D. Prospects of Nuclear Terrorist Threats from Abroad
- E. Mideast Nuclear Capabilities
- F. Soviet Nuclear Material Production Capabilities and Projected Needs

5. Basic preparation work has been completed on the following briefings. They are being held awaiting an appropriate opportunity to use them. The responsible officer will be contacted by the PBC for a last-minute review and update of the briefing. Responsible officers are requested to inform the PBC if these topics are to be treated in the PDB, NID or other intelligence publication so that the briefings can be canceled or modified as appropriate.

- A. Covert Communications (OTS)
- B. Monitoring a CW Ban (OSI)
- C. Soviet Forced Labor (OGCR)
- D. Soviet Compliance with New Fishing Regulations (OER)

6. The following topics are dropped because schedule revisions have produced a backlog of higher priority major topics and because these topics are likely to be too time sensitive to use as filler items:

- A. FRG-USSR Relations
- B. Polish-USSR Relations

7. The D/OSR, D/OIA and the NIOs PE, WE and CH are requested to nominate topics for use in late June to the PBC by COB Tuesday, 16 May. The D/ORPA, D/OCR and NIOs NP, NESA and LA will be requested to nominate topics for use in late June or early July the following week.

8. A tentative schedule for major topic preparation is attached.



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TENTATIVE MAJOR TOPIC PREPARATION SCHEDULE

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Backup Material to DCI on:</u>	<u>DCI/NFAC Meeting on:</u>	<u>Presidential Briefing on:</u>
8 May	China Soviet Air Defenses	(None)	International Oil Market President's Quarterly Report Afghanistan Status
15 May	Nicaraguan Politics Southeast Asia	China	Greece & Turkey, Ethiopia, and Military Lessons of Soviet/Cuban Involvement*
22 May	Law of the Sea South African Nuclear Program	SE Asia	China Soviet Air Defenses
29 May	NIE 11-4-78 Panama	Law of the Sea	Soviet Ship Deployments* Nicaragua
5 June	Soviet Actions to Cope with Economic Problems	Around-the-table with NIOs	Law of the Sea South African Nuclear Program
12 June	Pakistan	Soviet Actions to Cope with Economic Problems	NIE 11-4-78 Panama
19 June	Sino-Soviet Relations	Pakistan	Soviet Actions to Cope with Economic Problems
26 June	?	Sino-Soviet	Pakistan

Filler material is or will be available on the following topics:

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| -Soviet Forced Labor | -Soviet Compliance with Fishing Regulations |
| -Covert Communications | -Soviet Computer Technology |
| -Monitoring a CW Ban | -Soviet Performance During the COSMOS 954 Event |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 80px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> | -Nuclear Power in the LDCs |
| -Philippine Opposition | -Estimating SLBM Effectiveness |
| -Soviet Electronics Countermeasures | -US-USSR Technical Collection Comparison |

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*Alternate topic for 16 May: Soviet Ship Deployments.

Note that this schedule is tentative. It will be revised weekly and major changes may take place from week to week.

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